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re: Woman Creek IM/IRA

Dear Mr. Simonson:

EPA and CDH have reviewed the most recent proposed schedule for the Woman Creek IM/IRA submitted with your letter of August 7, 1991 (91-DOE-6376). We are very disappointed to see that you were unable to find a way of meeting the end date we requested in our previous correspondence. However, recognizing that further negotiations on this issue could only be counter-productive by delaying action further, we hereby accept the schedule as submitted (copy attached). The milestones you proposed for addition to IAG Table 6 will henceforth be considered valid and subject to all appropriate enforcement actions under the terms of our agreement.

Please note that at a meeting held at EPA's offices on July 24 1991, representatives of your staff and contractors presented EPA with a rationale they felt justified cancellation of the Woman Creek IM/IRA. This argument was based on the assertion that there is no significant threat to public health, nor documented evidence of environmental degradation. EPA and CDH strongly disagree with this position. The presentation made to support a "no action" decision presented no new data, employed an incomplete analysis of existing data, utilized inappropriate risk assessment assumptions, and applied an unreasonably narrow definition of environmental degradation.

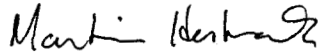
It is EPA and CDH's position that the opportunity to abate the spread of contamination and thereby facilitate and possibly simplify a final action is sufficient justification for an expedited response. We intend to see an appropriate Woman Creek IM/IRA completed in a reasonable amount of time. The plan to be submitted October 2, 1991, must evaluate available alternatives and identify a recommended action to abate the spread of contamination by evaluating, controlling, and providing appropriate treatment and disposal for the flows from (at a minimum) seeps 53 and 55.

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It should also be noted that DOE made a firm commitment to complete an action on the Woman Creek seeps in the Walnut Creek IM/IRA responsiveness summary. We submit that this commitment must be honored. If you have questions or would like to discuss the progress of this effort, please contact Bill Fraser (EPA) at 294-1081 and/or Joe Schieffelin (CDH) at 331-4421.

Sincerely,



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Attachment

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